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STRATEGY FOR NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the Strategies for improving the economic condition of the North Eastern States;

(b) whether entrepreneurship development forms an essential part of this strategy; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a): Some of the major strategies for economic development of North East are improving the infrastructure; providing greater access to basic social services like education, health, drinking water and sanitation etc.; expanding economic and social opportunities for all; building capacities aimed at increased efficiency; creating an environment for private participation conducive to growth; and providing a policy environment to positively influence wide ranging economic activities having employment/ income generation potential.

(b)&(c): Entrepreneurship development is an essential part of economic development of the North Eastern Region.For the purpose, Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) through its field institute SISI (Small Industries Service Institute) and its branches i Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim, Mizoram and Tripura organizes Enterpreneurship Development Training Programes and Motivation Campaigns.Follow up Management Development Programme for existing and potential entrepreneurs are organized periodically to reinforce management development practices. Skill Development Programmes are also organized for developing trained work force for Small Scale Industries in the region.Between 1999-2000 and 2001-2002, in all, 240 programmes were conducted benefiting 11,465 entrepreneurs in the North Eastern States.

The Department of Development of North Eastern Region has organized a business summit on 19th and 20th July, 2002 at Mumbai for North Eastern States including Sikkim to show case the business opportunities in the North East to various entrepreneurs at national level.

Training programme for officers of North Eastern Region in project planning, execution and evaluation has also been arranged at Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata.

The Department has also been taking steps for expeditious clearance of projects of North Eastern States.